The conference benefited from the vast Indian experience which was shared in the discussions, and many of the recommendations of the Action Plan reflect this Indian contribution.

(c) The conference recommended seeking flexibility for developing countries in Intellectual property rights, relecting the general demand of developing countries world wide at the WTO and other fera.

Opening of a Mission School in Oman

5311. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in the Hindustan Time dated the 26th April, 2002 under the caption "Indian Mission's schools for scandal".

(b) whether Oman Government have indicated Indian Exmassy in Oman for having allowed an Indian to open a private school against the laws of that country;

(c) what is the in-built mechanism to check and control misuse of influence in his Ministry to aviod reoccurrence of such cases; and

(b) the action taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Cultural Heritages in the vaults of Imperial Powers

5312. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether several Indian cultural heritages are locked up in the vaults of imperial powers like U.K., Portugal and France;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken to procure them back?